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COUNTRY: Bulgaria

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SUBJECT: Revelation of State Secrets In "Izvestiia" Pages: 1 25X1A2g

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1. Uranium Mine Construction: In "Izvestiia", No 67, 21 Aug 53, the presidium of the National Assembly has approved a general and detailed town plan for the village of Bukhovo, County Elin Pelin (Novoselzi). Prior to Communist domination this was an obscure, little village but is now famous because of uranium mined by slave labor for the USSR. The edict granting approval is unusual for such a small town and suggests a building program to increase the uranium ore production.
2. Petroleum Storage Facilities: "Izvestia" No 78, 29 Sep 53, Order No 5615 approves the construction of petroleum warehouses in the village of Gorna Mastiriza in the county of Bela. Up to this time I am of the opinion that these petroleum installations were a closely guarded secret.
3. Para-Military Shooting Range: "Izvestiia" No 78, 28 Sep 53, Order No 5615 approves order No 4758 of 31 Jul 53, concerning the use of a range for sport shooting of DOSO, Volunteer Organization for the Assistance of Defense, in the city of Mikhailovgrad (formerly Ferdinand). I understand that DOSO is a para-military organization.
4. Existence of Soviets in Bulgaria: "Izvestiia" No 78 28 Sep 53, Order No 5615 approves Order No 5023 of 12 Aug 53 which assigns part of the industrial area of Gara Isker to the Union of Soviet Citizens in Bulgaria. I think there is a possibility that this organization is a "cover" for Soviet troops.
5. Ministry of Defense Construction in Border Areas: I have seen many orders in "Izvestiia" assigning construction activities in border areas for the Ministry of Defense. They are:

No 74, 15 Sep 53, Order 4643, Village Osetenovo, County Kazanluk and
e Krumovo, County Assenovgrad
23 Sep 53, Order 4643, City Sliven
28 Sep 53, Order 5615, City Elkhovo

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